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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir :

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §§1.97, 1.98, and it is requested that the information set forth in this statement and in the listed documents be considered during the pendency of the above-identified application, and any other application relying on the filing date of the above-identified application or cross-referencing it as a related application.

[X] 1. This IDS should be considered, in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97, as it is filed:

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[X] B. before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits.

[] C. after (A) and (B) above, but before final rejection or allowance, and Applicants have made the necessary certification (box "i" below) or paid the necessary fee (box "ii" below).

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[] (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or

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[] ii. A check (check no. _____) for the fee set forth in §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180, is enclosed.

[] ii. Credit Card Payment Form, PTO-2038, is attached authorizing payment of the fee set forth in §1.17(p), presently believed to be \$180.

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- [] (a) first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this IDS; or
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[X] 2. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98, this IDS includes a list (e.g., form PTO-1449) of all patents, publications, or other information submitted for consideration by the office, either incorporated into this IDS or as an attachment hereto. A copy of each document listed is attached.

[X] A. Documents AB and AD are deemed substantially cumulative to documents AA and AC and, in accordance with §1.98(c), only a copy of each of the latter documents is enclosed.

[X] 3. Document AE, AF and AG are not in the English language. In accordance with §1.98(c), Applicant(s) states:

[X] An English translation of each documents AE, AF and AG (or of the pertinent portions thereof), or a copy of each corresponding English-language patent or application, or English-language abstract (or claim) is enclosed.

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is found in the attached _____ search report (see reply to Comment 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[] A concise explanation of the relevance of document(s) _____ is set forth as follows:

(insert concise explanation of relevance)

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[] A concise explanation of document(s) _____ can be found on the attached sheet.

[X] 4. No explanation of relevance is necessary for documents in the English language (see reply to Comments 67 and 68 in the preamble to the final rules; 1135 OG 13 at 20).

[] 5. Other information being provided for the examiner's consideration follows:

(insert other information)

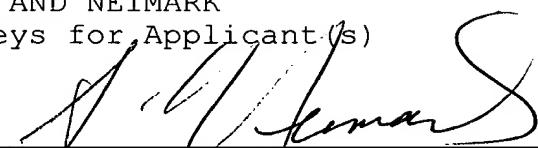
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Respectfully submitted,

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